

U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (MO-08) today announced that the U.S. Army has issued a \$41 million contract announcement which will add several million dollars to a DRS project for M1200 Armored Knight Systems Technical Support. The contract is amended to allow an additional 300,000 option hours by the company, work which will be performed in West Plains.

"This contract modification reflects the tremendous partnership between DRS and the U.S. Army, and it is a testament to the excellent work being performed at West Plains. I am very proud of this contract and of the products from Southern Missouri which are serving American men and women in uniform around the world. I have seen these vehicles up close and personal in West Plains, and I know how proud the employees of DRS are of their outstanding quality," Emerson said.

Emerson worked with the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations last year to identify the need for continued, expanded support for the M1200 program.